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REFERENCE: OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT (09/01/2014-09/30/2014)

Dear Ms. Benitz,

This statement is in response to the Commission's letter November 5, 2014. The Commission requested additional information regarding seven items.

First, the Commission requested clarification regarding the 9/29 disbursement to Direct Mail Systems for \$2,841.88. This disbursement was for general party fundraising and does not refer to a clearly identified candidate for federal office. This disbursement will be moved to line 21(b) in an Amended report.

Second, the Commission requested clarification regarding a disbursement for a fundraising expense for the event '2014 STATE FAIR (8/18/14)' appearing on Schedule H4. The allocation for this expense will be corrected on an Amended report in accordance with the ratio on Schedule H2.

Third, the Commission requested clarification regarding expenditures on schedule H4 made for CATERING, EVENT REGISTRATION FEE, AND EVENT STAGING EXPENSE: SKIRTING. These expenditures were not made for fundraising and were not made on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidates. These expenditures were paid for by Federal funds. We have amended the report to reflect this.

Fourth, the Commission requested clarification regarding disbursements for PRINTING & DESIGN services on Schedule H4. The disbursement to Brian Grubb was a fundraising expense. It will be allocated according to the proper ratio on an amended report. The other disbursements (Great Ideas! Promotional; Wally's Printing) were for administrative expenses that did not refer to a clearly identified candidate for federal office.

Fifth, RAD requested clarification regarding a payment for 'POLLING.' This disbursement was for a public opinion poll, not voter identification, generic campaign, or get-out-the-vote activities, and is not Federal Election Activity. As such, the allocation and report is correct.

Sixth, the Commission requested clarification regarding payments for INSURANCE and PAYROLL on Schedule H4. The PAYROLL payment for Richard Bossert is for an employee that spends less than 25% of his time on FEA or activities in connection with a Federal election. The purpose description will be updated to reflect that. The payment for INSURANCE was for general liability insurance---not any employee-specific 'fringe benefit' insurance.

Seventh, the Commission requested clarification regarding a disbursement for FUNDRAISING EXPENSES on Schedule H4. The Committee has amended its report to provide further clarification.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information.

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Sincerely,

Illinois Republican Party

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